

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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Municipalities and Townships
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MEMBERS

Antioch
Arlington Heights
Bannockburn
Barrington
Bartlett
Buffalo Grove
Deer Park
Deerfield
Des Plaines
Elk Grove Village
Evanston
Fox Lake
Glencoe
Glenview
Grayslake
Hanover Park
Highland Park
Hoffman Estates
Kenilworth
Lake Bluff
Lake Forest
Lake Zurich
Libertyville
Lincolnshire
Lincolnwood
Morton Grove
Mount Prospect
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Township
Palatine
Park Ridge
Prospect Heights
Rolling Meadows
Schaumburg
Skokie
Streamwood
Vernon Hills
West Dundee
Wheeling
Wilmette
Winnetka

President
Kathleen O'Hara
Lake Bluff

Vice-President
Joan Frazier
Northfield

Secretary
Dan Shapiro
Deerfield

Treasurer
Ray Keller
Lake Zurich

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference

I. Call to Order

President O'Hara called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President O'Hara led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Karol Heneghan called the Roll.

Members Present:

Arlington Heights, Mayor Thomas Hayes
Bannockburn, Manager Stephanie Hannon
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Bartlett, Manager Paula Schumacher
Buffalo Grove, President Beverly Sussman
Deerfield, President Harriet Rosenthal, Trustee Dan Shapiro
Elk Grove Village, Manager Ray Rummel
Evanston, Acting Assistant City Manager Kimberly Richardson
Glencoe, Manager Phil Kiraly
Hanover Park, President Rod Craig, Trustee Bob Prigge
Highland Park, Mayor Nancy Rotering
Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
Lake Bluff, President Kathleen O'Hara
Lake Zurich, Manager Ray Keller
Lincolnwood, Trustee Jean Ikezoe-Halevi, Manager Anne Marie Gaura
Morton Grove, Administrator Ralph Czerwinski
Mount Prospect, Mayor Arlene Juracek
Northbrook, President Sandy Frum
Northfield, President Joan Frazier, Trustee Charles Orth
Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen
Rolling Meadows, Manager Barry Krumstok
Schaumburg, Mayor Tom Dailly
Skokie, Trustee Randy Roberts, Assistant Village Manager Nicholas Wyatt
Streamwood, Manager Sharon Caddigan
West Dundee, President Chris Nelson
Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis
Wilmette, President Bob Bielinski, Manager Michael Braiman

Members Absent:

Antioch	Deer Park
Des Plaines	Fox Lake
Glenview	Grayslake
Kenilworth	Lake Forest

Libertyville
Niles
Park Ridge
Vernon Hills

Lincolnshire
Northfield Township
Prospect Heights
Winnetka

Others in Attendance:

Barb Cornew, Special Assistant to Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton
Meribeth Mermall, Director, Corporate Affairs, ComEd
Patricia Eaves-Heard, Regional Manager, Community Affairs, Nicor
Steve Brown, NWMC Communications Consultant
Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Purchasing Director
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate for Administrative Services
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Karol Heneghan, NWMC Executive Administrative Assistant/Office Manager
Kendra Johnson, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation
Matt Pasquini, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of March 10 was made by President Frazier. It was seconded by Mayor Dailly and unanimously approved.

V. President’s Report – Kathleen O’Hara, NWMC President and President, Village of Lake Bluff

A. COVID-19/NWMC Here to Help Update

Mr. Fowler reported that Governor Pritzker announced on March 22 that all state and local employees were eligible for the Covid-19 vaccines. It was also announced that beginning April 12, all Illinois residents 16 or older would become eligible. Mr. Fowler stated that Governor Pritzker announced that the Bridge Phase between Phases 4 and 5 of the Restore Illinois Plan has been put on hold until health metrics started moving back in the right direction.

Mr. Fowler reviewed plans for vaccinating homebound residents for each county in the NWMC service territory. He said Lake County has a number that residents can call. DuPage County asks that people contact the county and they will do their best to vaccinate those individuals. Cook County residents can call the vaccine hotline to be placed on a waiting list. McHenry County planned on administering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, so that effort has been put on hold with the pause on using the vaccine. He said that Kane County did not yet have information available for vaccinating homebound residents.

Finally, Mr. Fowler reported that he participated on a call with Senator Durbin regarding the American Rescue Plan and said that the U.S. Treasury is working on guidance for the use of funds. He said Senator Durbin cautioned officials that funds are to be spent in best interest of community.

B. Proposed FY2021-2022 NWMC Budget

Mr. Keller reported that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of the proposed FY2021-2022 NWMC Budget. He reviewed details of the budget and reserve fund status and said that the Conference continues to remain in a positive financial condition. He said that for the eighth consecutive year, the proposed budget does not include a membership dues increase and congratulated the membership, finance committee and staff for the organization’s financial stability. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Rotering. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

C. FY2021-2022 NWMC Officer Nominations

President O’Hara reported that the NWMC Nominating Committee met on March 23 and recommended the following individuals to serve as NWMC Officers for FY2021-2022.

President:	Nancy Rotering Mayor, City of Highland Park
Vice-President:	Dan Shapiro Mayor-elect, Village of Deerfield
Secretary:	Tom Dailly Mayor, Village of Schaumburg
Treasurer:	Anne Marie Gaura Manager, Village of Lincolnwood

She asked the members if anyone had any further nominations. Since there were none, she said the election of officers will occur at the May 12 Board meeting and, due to immediate vacancies in office, the President will be inaugurated at the meeting.

D. NWMC Service Resolutions

President O'Hara reported that the Executive Board recommended approval of resolutions recognizing significant contributions to the NWMC by the following departing members:

- Mount Prospect Mayor Arlene A. Juracek
- Deerfield Mayor Harriet Rosenthal
- Des Plaines Mayor Matthew J. Bogusz
- Lake Bluff President Kathleen O'Hara
- Glencoe President Lawrence R. Levin
- Northbrook President Sandra E. Frum
- Northfield President Joan Frazier
- Skokie Director of Engineering Erik Cook

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Rotering. It was seconded by President Darch and unanimously approved.

E. NWMC Spring Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

Ms. Dayan reported that the spring NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction will be held at noon on Tuesday, April 20 at America's Auto Auction in Crestwood. She thanked Evanston, Olympia Fields, Prospect Heights and Yorkville for committing to participate.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Joan Frazier, President, Village of Northfield, Co-Chair and Nancy Rotering, Mayor, City of Highland Park, Co-Chair

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Bury reported that the March 26 committee deadline was extended to April 16 in the Senate and said both chambers face an April 23 deadline to advance bills to third reading. He said staff is monitoring legislation including further police reforms, lead service lines, small cell and HB171, which amends Tier 2 public safety pensions.

2. LGDF Working Group

Mr. Fowler reported on the Local Government Distributive Fund Working Group that consists of the regional councils of government and Metropolitan Mayors Caucus working to protect cuts to the LGDF and restore it to the historic 10% level. He said the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference is administering the effort along with public relations support from Serafin and Associates.

B. Transportation Committee – Rodney Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair and Tom Dailly, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair

Mr. Pasquini reported that based on input from membership, staff submitted a response to the Regional Transportation Authority's Recovery Strategy during their public comment period in

March. Mayor Craig commented on the importance of suburban transit and the need to continue to pursue support from legislators.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mayor McLeod. It was seconded by Mayor Craig and unanimously approved.

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

Mr. Fowler thanked the departing mayors and officials for their support and contributions to the Conference during their terms. President O'Hara thanked staff along with those leaving office.

X. Next Meeting

President O'Hara said that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12, at 7:00 p.m. via videoconference.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor McLeod. It was seconded by Mayor Rosenthal and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.